

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication that claims 10 and 11 are directed to patentable subject matter has been noted with appreciation.

All of the remaining claims have been rejected over Sanchez either under §102 or §103. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention is concerned with a photosensitive thick film. There is no teaching or suggestion in Sanchez of any photosensitive material. On that basis alone, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections are untenable.

The instant claims call for a photosensitive organic component comprising an organic binder having an acidic functional group. While the Office Action characterizes the Sanchez composition as containing an organic binder concluding "acrylic" copolymer, what the reference actually teaches is an organosol which is the "only binder which can be used effectively" (col. 4, lines 19-22). The organosol is in the form of a vinyl-acetate-acrylic copolymer emulsion, a latex-type suspension of polymer material in water (col. 4, lines 15-18). There is no teaching or suggestion that the vinyl-acetate-acrylic copolymer is photosensitive or has an acidic functional group. On this basis also, the rejections are untenable.

In light of the foregoing basis deficiencies in the reference, it is believed that no further discussion is required and the rejections can be withdrawn.

The early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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